

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's reconsideration of the present application. The Final Office Action was never received by the Applicants due to an error in mail delivery and resulted in the unintentional abandonment of the application. Applicant hereby attaches the requisite fee according to 37 CFR 1.137(b) to revive the application.

Claim Status

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 1, 4-7, 26, 29-32, 41 and 42.

Claims 17 and 22 have been amended. No new claims have been added. Claims 9, 11-13, 15, 20, 25, 33, 35-37, 39, and 43-44 have been cancelled. Therefore, claims 1, 4-7, 17-19, 21, 22-24, and 45-48 are presented for examination.

Claim Objections and Rejections

Claims 20 and 25 were objected to in the Final Office Action. Claims 17 and 22 have been amended to include the limitations in claim 20 and 25 respectively. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that amended claims 17 and 22 now incorporating the limitations of claims 20 and 25 are now in allowable form.

Claims 18-19, 21, 23-24, and 45-48 either directly or indirectly depend from amended independent claims 17 and 22. As such, Applicant respectfully submits that they are also allowable because of the amended limitations as incorporated in claims 17 and 22.

The remaining claims which are being rejected, claims 9, 11-13, 15, 33, 35-37, 39 and 43-44, have been cancelled.

Conclusion


Applicant respectfully submits that in view of the claim amendments and cancellations the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner determines the prompt allowance of the claims could be facilitated by a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (408) 720-8300.

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due. Furthermore, if an extension is required, then Applicant hereby requests such extension.

Respectfully submitted,
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